

# MARTIN-LUTHER-UNIVERSITÄT HALLE-WITTENBERG

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Sprechzeiten Montag 10.00 - 12.00  
Dienstag 10.00 - 12.00 und 13.00 - 17.00  
Donnerstag 10.00 - 12.00 und 13.00 - 15.00  
Freitag 10.00 - 12.00

## Registration form for □ »Doing your PhD in Halle?!« - Intercultural Seminar for international PhD students

For many, doing a PhD in a foreign country is an important element of their academic education. Moreover, it is a chance to develop personal, social, and cross-cultural competence. To benefit from a stay abroad in an optimal way, it is expedient and useful to explore one's own cultural identity, feelings of foreignness as well as distinctive features of the host culture.

International PhD students of all research institutions in Halle are invited to participate in this English-speaking workshop. On the basis of simulations from cross-cultural trainings along with moderated peer consulting, participants will have the opportunity to exchange their impressions and perceptions as well as aims and expectations with regard to their stay abroad. The seminar also affords the opportunity to discuss first-hand experience with cross-cultural misunderstandings and interpersonal conflict situations and to simulate possible approaches in dealing with them. In addition, it wants to address distinctive characteristics of the scientific landscape in the city of Halle.

Located in the immediate vicinity of Weimar's city center, the conference site offers a beautiful scenery and is a great vantage point for exploring the area during an organized city tour or for visiting the places of cultural interest in the evening.

As this two-day workshop is highly interactive, participants' contributions in discussions, exercises, and role plays will be required and very welcome! The units will build upon one another.

Seminar organizers: Kristin Draheim, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)  
Claudia Ulbrich M.A., International Office at Martin Luther University Halle

Date: December 12 - 14, 2008  
Venue: Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar  
Jenaer Str. 2/4  
99425 Weimar

Participation fee: 15 €  
Number of participants min. / max. 10 - 18

Working language: English

**Registration until November 28, 2008;** please submit the registration form to the International Office (via regular mail, fax, or email).

# REGISTRATION FORM

1. Information about the international PhD student	
Last name:	First name:
Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female
Date, place of birth:	Nationality:
Department / faculty:	
Date of arrival:	Duration of stay:

2. Mailing address of the international PhD student	
c/o	
Street, street number:	
Zip code:	City, country:
Home phone:	Business phone:
Email:	

3. Room and board
<p>Accommodation will be in double bedrooms (separate sex). Requests for single rooms cannot be considered.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am comfortable with sharing a double bedroom.</p>
<p>Meals are provided full-board. There will be a breakfast and dinner buffet as well as a warm meal and a salad bar at lunch time.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specific needs with regard to your diet, allergies etc.:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

4. Arrival	
<p>We kindly ask you to arrive until 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2008, either by your own or together with an organizer on a group train ticket.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> I will arrive by myself.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I would like to join the group journey from Halle main station to Weimar.</p>

## 5. Special requirements, requests, commentaries, suggestions

I have noted the terms of participation.

Date:	Signature of PhD student
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### Terms of participation

#### 1) Registration and number of participants

##### **Registrations are binding!**

Registrations can only be submitted using the registration form via regular mail, fax, or email. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation with the request to pay the participation fee (15 Euro) either in cash or via money transfer.

The number of participants is limited. Registrations are considered upon receipt. We reserve the right to cancel the seminar due to a low number of participants or unexpected reasons on short notice. There will be an immediate notification. As far as possible, we will offer an alternate date.

#### 2) Participation fee and general expenses

The overall costs amount to 80 Euro per person. The participation fee is 15 Euro. Expenses for room and board will be covered by the International Office. Individual travel costs cannot be reimbursed but it is possible to take part in the paid group journey.

#### 3) Deregistration / Cancellation

In case of deregistration or cancellation by the PhD student, we charge a general processing fee according to the following scale:

more than 2 weeks before the seminar starts: full refund of the participation fee (15 Euro)

up to 2 weeks before the seminar starts - 33% refund of the participation fee (5 Euro)

up to one week before the seminar starts - 50% of the overall costs (40 Euro) or nomination of a substitute participant

up to 3 days before the seminar starts or in default of appearance – full seminar expenses (80 Euro)

#### 4) Data privacy protection

Upon registration for the seminar, the PhD student agrees to the processing of his or her data as far as this is necessary within the terms of the organization of the seminar. According to the Federal Data Protection Act, personal data are handled strictly confidential and are not passed on to third parties.



**Der Kanzler**

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**Itinerary for »Doing your PhD in Halle?!« – 1<sup>st</sup> Intercultural Seminar for international PhD students at scientific institutions in the city of Halle**

**Date:** December 12-14, 2008  
**Venue:** Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar  
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Friday, December 12, 2008

until 5.30 p.m. Arrival  
6 p.m. Welcome dinner  
7 - 8.30 p.m. Introduction, presentation of the program, organizational issues

Saturday, December 13, 2008

7.30 - 9 a.m. Breakfast  
9 - 10.30 a.m. 1. Unit: Getting to know each other and exchange on »Why Germany, why Halle?«  
Comparison of first-hand impressions with previous and popular assumptions about Germans and Germany  
10.30 - 10.45 a.m. Coffee break  
10.45 - 12.15 p.m. 2. Unit: Practice: Exercises on closeness/distance, time perception  
Input: Cultural orientations and standards (PPP)  
12.15 p.m. Lunch  
1.15 - 2.45 p.m. Optional: English-speaking city tour through Weimar  
3 - 4.30 p.m. 3. Unit: Group work: Case studies, examples from Germany (daily life, university, and residential home), role plays from the work environment: peer consulting / forum theater, presentation of the scientific landscape in Halle  
4.30 - 4.45 p.m. Coffee break  
4.45 - 5.30 p.m. 4. Unit: Cultural shock: Theory and strategies in dealing with it, exchange of experience, day's summary, feedback, mood of the group  
6 p.m. Dinner  
8 p.m. Optional: Visiting a concert, theater play, or party

Sunday, December 14, 2008

7.30 - 9 a.m.	Breakfast
9 a.m.	1. Unit: Practical teamwork and communication exercises (culture simulations)
10.30 - 10.45 a.m.	Coffee break
10.45 - 12.15 p.m.	2. Unit: As required more role plays from the work environment: a) Forum theater as a conflict resolution method b) Peer consulting possible clarification of remaining questions
12.15 p.m.	Lunch
1.15 - 2.15 p.m.	Evaluation
2.30 p.m.	End, departure